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Gravel Sale Gains Approval

(Lamoine) — After nearly 5-months of controversy, the Lamoine Planning Board gave final approval to a plan to remove gravel from town owned land by Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. The approval means several acres of land behind the closed landfill will have gravel removed, and the present pit behind the transfer station will expand outward. When the removal is complete, the land around the landfill will be re-planted and stabilized.

The initial proposal received the endorsement from the Selectmen in late 2000 when the board at the time voted to sell gravel at \$1.25/yard to Gott. That approval quickly found some heated opposition from groups calling themselves the Lamoine Water Coalition and the Lamoine Citizens Association. At the annual town meeting, opponents voted to remove the authority to sell gravel from the purview of the Selectmen, making it subject to town meeting approval in the future.

The Planning Board was the next forum for opponents, and many testified that they felt removal of gravel in the area near the former landfill would exacerbate pollution of groundwater in that vicinity and in other parts of town.

First up was a site visit to the area in April. Walking through 2-foot snow drifts, the Board got an idea of the lay of the land, and in the process discovered that Gott had already mined some of the proposed sale prior to approval. The prompted an immediate notice of violation from the town's Code Enforcement Officer who received conflicting evidence of when the mining actually took place.

The Selectmen are charged with imposing the enforcement for violations and wrestled for more than a month with how much an appropriate fine should be. They settled on a \$75/day fine for 30-days, noting the difficulty in determining how long the violation took place.

Gott and the Selectmen presented the application to the Planning Board shortly after the town meeting with a report from a hydro-geologist showing removal beside the landfill would not increase any water pollution in groundwater. The Planning Board asked Gott to supply an independent confirmation of that assessment, and contacted Robert Gerber who did a major study of Lamoine's aquifer many years ago. Mr. Gerber testified at the May 9th hearing that he didn't feel gravel removal would pose any significant harm to the groundwater in that area. He did say, though, that removal of gravel from below grade of the landfill increases the risk of the capped landfill collapsing and sliding into the adjacent pits, given the right soil and rain conditions. The Planning Board found that argument convincing, and put some severe restrictions on the final permit for removal, including a 100-foot setback from the landfill before any mining below the landfill grade can take place. Gott was to flag the property in question as well, which was done in June with review from the Code Enforcement Officer.

The mining on town owned land should be complete in three years, or the length of the permit. Gott also received a permit to mine gravel on land they purchased from an abutting owner.

Lamoine: 1495 and Counting!

(Lamoine) — For the past year or so, town office staff had predicted the official census would give Lamoine about 1,500 residents, and they were pretty close. The count released for April 1, 2000 set the town's population at 1,495 residents.

The population is an increase of 184 residents, or a growth rate of 14-percent for the 10-years since the last census. That's higher than the state and county averages, but not the fastest growth rate in the county. Trenton saw 310 more residents for a 29% growth, Hancock with 390 more residents grew 22%, and Ellsworth added 481 residents for an 8% growth rate.

The figures tell a lot about Lamoine. The median age, for example, is pretty much average for Hancock County at 41-years old. The population has 76.3% over the age of 18, and 73.2% over the age of 21. The under 18 group in Lamoine grew by only 9-percent during the past decade.

Lamoine has a total of 803 housing units as of April 1, 2000. Of those, 605 were occupied on that date, 177 are considered seasonal homes, and 21 were vacant as of the census day. That gives Lamoine a 1.3% homeowner vacancy rate.

Most residents won their homes, 85% of the occupied homes have their owners living there. The other 15% had people renting the house. The average household size in Lamoine was 2.47, and the average family size is 2.86.

Lamoine is predominantly a white community as well, as the Caucasian race made up 97.5% of the population. The census race figures show 4 African Americans, 8 American Indians, 10 Asians, 1 unclassified, and 14 who say they are a combination of two or more races.

The figures are of great use in the planning process. They show that Lamoine has become somewhat of a community of choice in Hancock County as evidenced by its faster than average growth. The county as a whole grew only 10% in the past decade. They also show that residents moving in tend to bring fewer children, as evidenced by the 14% overall growth yet only a 9% growth in residents under 18. Like many Ellsworth area communities, there are very few homes for rent, and the occupancy rate is high, indicating those here, tend to stay for a while.

Man Found Dead After Garage Fire

(Lamoine) — A 71-year old Pinkham's Flats resident set his garage on fire then took his own life by hanging on May 15th. The fire department rushed to the scene after a passing motorist saw smoke coming from the Forest Pinkham garage around 9:00 AM. Firefighter immediately called for mutual aid from Ellsworth, Trenton and Hancock and put Sullivan and Franklin on standby in case the fire spread through the huge fields adjacent to the scene. Thankfully, a light mist the night before reduced the danger of wildfire spread enough that day to save

the fields. Several of the firefighters had spent the previous day in Bucksport battling a major forest fire.

The fire departments knocked the blaze down quickly and went to see if Mr. Pinkham was home in his residence approximately 75-feet away. When they got to the door, they found evidence that he had taken his own life, and a search of the flaming garage turned up his body. The Fire Marshal's Office, Sheriff's Department, State Police and Medical Examiner's office handled the investigation.

Subdivision Proposed for Shore Road Modular Homes The Latest Style In Town

(Lamoine) — The Planning Board will review an application in July for an 8-unit subdivision off Shore Road. The land is being developed by Bar Harbor realtor Mike Woodard and landowner Susan Stuwe. Ms. Stuwe is constructing a home on the lot.

At the June Planning Board meeting, members looked over the initial plan which called for 9-lots of varying sizes. Woodard said a few days later that one of the lots would not pass a soil test for a septic system and has scaled back the proposal to 8-lots.

If the Planning Board finds the plan complete, they'll make a site visit then schedule a public hearing prior to final approval, possibly in August.

Planning Board Approves Shore Path

(Lamoine) — A path to lead from a pad to park a Recreational Vehicle to the private portion North of Lamoine Beach won approval from the Planning Board at its June meeting. New landowner Scott Leadbetter of Veazie asked for the path approval at the long May 9th meeting. The board tabled the matter but reviewed it again at the meeting in June where it won approval.

Some neighbors raised concern that a temporary camper could park for up to 120-days in the area, provided it's not hooked up to a utility. The RV lot is outside the Shoreland Zone and does not require either a Shoreland or Building Permit according to the Board.

Selectmen to explore Conservation Commission

(Lamoine) — After several months of in dealing with the conflicts over land use issues, the Selectmen will explore the possibilities of a new board to look after environmental matters. A conservation commission is in use in several other Maine communities, and Selectman Jo Cooper has sent for a manual from the Maine Municipal Association.

The idea is still in its infancy stage, but the goal is to help the Planning Board by removing some of the matters that take up a lot of their time, and to specifically focus on land, water, air and other environmental matters. Town meeting approval will be needed. Those interested in serving should contact the town office.

(Lamoine) — Most of the new residential building permits issued in the past quarter in Lamoine have been for modular type homes, a relatively new trend from town. As the economy continues to apparently boom in the area, many younger families have found it difficult to tie up a carpenter for the many months that it take to build the traditional "stick built" house. A modular home typically is ordered from a dealer. At least three Maine companies are building them, and the turnaround time from the start of construction on the assembly line is approximately 2-weeks. The three major modular home makers in Maine are all located in Western Maine (Oxford Homes, Kaiser, and New England Homes), while many other dealers sell homes made in Canada. At least three dealers are located in the Ellsworth/Hancock area.

There is a great deal of preparation work to complete before putting a home in. The landowner must obtain the proper permits (building, septic, internal plumbing, and if its in the



Work crews guide the first half of a 2-story cape home onto its foundation on Rabbit Run

shoreland area, a Shoreland Zoning Permit. Generally, the homeowner has to arrange for the foundation, the driveway and landscaping, hookup of electricity, telephone, cable-TV, internal plumbing fixtures and the septic and well. Many of the new modular home projects see either the home dealer or the home buyer act as the general contractor for the project.

There is some carpentry involved as well, as the Cape style homes do not come with a finished 2nd story inside. Those planning modular homes are advised to give plenty of time to complete the rest.

Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Position Reinstated

(Lamoine) — After doing without a backup for the Code Enforcement Officer for two years, the Board of Selectmen opted to re-establish the position of Deputy CEO. The decision came at the urging of present CEO, John Holdsworth. Mr. Holdsworth plans to be out of town for an extended period during August and said someone will need to investigate any complaints and process building and

plumbing permits.

Advertisements for the job were sent to all the members of the Hancock County CEO organization, as well as e-mailed throughout the community. Those interested are urged to send a letter of application and a resume to the Town Office by July 12th. Selectmen will schedule interviews based on the applications received.

Busy Time For Building Permits

(Lamoine) — The building permit slump ended during the last quarter with a number of new residential permits issued by Code Enforcement Officer John Holdsworth. The following permits were issued April through June:

Nbr	Name	Type	Nbr	Name	Type
4	Oliver, Maurice	Residence	14	Jude, Patrick	Residence
5	Willard, Josh/Cheri	Residence	15	Alley, Tracy	Garage
6	St. Claire, Thomas	Mob. Home	16	Leadbetter, Scott	Path
7	Marckoon, Stuart	Residence	17	Sundt, Gaylord	Garage
8	Nagle, Robert	Porch	18	Alvarado, Domingo	Residence
9	Tilden, Robert	Residence	19	Farragher, Peter	Shed
10	Springer, Douglas	Renovation	20	Harris, Donald	Residence
11	Saunders, Margaret	Garage	21	Hamm, Carolyn	Residence
12	Saffell, Robert	Addition	22	Hamm, Carolyn	Foundation
13	Kelley, Stephen	Residence	23	Bennett, Marlene	Residence
			24	Tilden, Robert	Garage

Though CEO revenues were off slightly from last year, and the number of permits down, the number of new residences is on par with previous years with 11 issued during the quarter.

Town Officials Reappointed

(Lamoine) — One of the keys to a successful local government is the stability of its employees and volunteers. By that measure, Lamoine appears to be in very good shape. The Board of Selectmen unanimously reappointed all of its paid and volunteer officials who's terms were up for reappointment.

The paid staff include Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Code Enforcement Officer John

Holdsworth, Transfer Station Manager Allen Sternfield, Fire Chief George "Skip" Smith,

Animal Control Officer Harry Lounder, and Health Officer Cece Ohmart. Reappointments occurred on the Planning and Appeals Board and the Budget Committee among other boards.

Selectmen also gave their annual reviews to those employees paid on a bi-weekly basis and signed contract renewals with them for the coming year. The Selectmen noted no particular problems during those reviews.

Deputy ACO Retires

(Lamoine) — Bryant Poors, the town's Deputy Animal Control Officer for the past several years, retired in April. Mr. Poors, a resident of Township 8, said he needed more time to care for his wife. The Selectmen accepted his resignation with regret and best wishes.

In his place, David Herrick initially agreed to act as the Deputy ACO, pending training. Mr. Poors said he is still available for trapping wild, problem animals such as bear, porcupine and beavers. He said that he was no longer able to handle dog complaints. All animal complaints should now be referred to Harry Lounder at 422-3133.

Fiscal Year Ends In Black, Again

(Lamoine) — The town's finances ended the fiscal year in strong shape. Nearly \$400,000 was available in the cash accounts at the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. The final budget figures will not be available until after the annual audit is completed which will probably be in September, but here are some of the highlights:

- Automobile excise taxes came in approximately \$18,000 higher than budgeted, roughly a 10-percent increase than the budgeted amount. Despite the higher than budgeted income, the figure will be about \$4,000 lower than last year's amount, an indication of an economic slowdown.
- Code Enforcement income was down until the fine was paid by Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. (see page 1). That's another sign of fewer building permits and an economic slowdown.
- There were minor cost overruns in road paving and public safety. The paving overrun was due to a contractor error on Needle's Eye Road. Animal Control bills from previous years caused the public safety overrun.

Town Hall Vandalized

(Lamoine) — Two juveniles and an 18-year old resident apparently had little better to do in late June and during the overnight hours of the 19th & 20th so they pulled up most of the flowers planted at the Lamoine Town Hall. The trio also rearranged the letters in the town hall sign to read "Loose Weed", and stuffed some of the plants through the mail slot in the front door.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department questioned several people who helped lead them to the culprits. The investigation also turned up some

vandalism committed to the busses parked at the Lamoine Consolidated School. Deputy Tim Cote of the Sheriff's Department led the investigation and said 18-year old Steven Hall of Douglas Highway will be charged. The estimated damage to the town hall was approximately \$75. Most of the plants were saved by a quick replanting. The extra work required to do that, though, cut into the production time of *The Lamoine Quarterly*, delaying publication until after the first of July.

Tax Liens Filed

(Lamoine) — Tax Collector Hubene Brodie filed 37 tax liens for unpaid 2000/2001 property taxes in late June, totaling roughly \$27,000. Since filing, a few lien payments have been received by the town treasurer.

The number of liens filed is exactly the same as were filed in the previous fiscal year, however the value is higher by about \$8,500, indicating a difference in some of the properties placed into lien.

Under state law, the liens automatically foreclose to town ownership 18 months from filing. Two personal property tax bills remain unpaid at the end of the fiscal year. Liens are not filed on personal property, but payment can be pursued in small claims court.

Health Officer Orders Home Cleanup

(Lamoine) — After receiving a complaint from a neighbor about an unhealthful situation, the town's health officer issued an order to the owners and tenant of a Wood Run residence to clean up the trash. Officer Cece Ohmart visited the residence owned by Kay-Lynn Smallidge and Ernest Smallidge accompanied by the town's administrative assistant and a state police trooper. While there the trio observed a large amount of trash stored on the home's front porch and in the front yard, and several kerosene containers in the yard. The tenant complied with the request the next day.

By state law the health officer, with consultation to the Department of Human Services, has jurisdiction in matters of an unhealthful situation. Because of the tenant's cooperation in the matter, the case was not referred to the state.

Joint Town Officials Meeting Held

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen met jointly with many elected and appointed town officials in late June in order to get

acquainted, and talk about the town's future. Education issues dominated the discussion during the meeting which was part of the regular Selectmen's meeting.

Principal Val Perkins addressed such issues as space needs, promotion policies for students, looping students in 1st and 2nd grade, expansion of the math program and the overall student population. Each department gave a quick overview of the various issues that they expect to face in the coming years. None of the town officials expressed any major concerns about current operations in the present town government. Those attending said it was a good opportunity for those who serve the town to get to know each other. Special thanks go to Lori Boynton who helped arrange for refreshments.

New Office Furniture Added

(Lamoine) — Town Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon has remodeled his office at the town hall. After over 8-years with a pair of hand-me-down desks rescued from the old town dump, the Selectmen approved purchase of a brand new desk and computer desk. HC Austin Furniture, owned by Lamoine residents Debbie & Roger Day supplied the furniture. A new book case was also added to the office.

Fire Department Receives Grant for Camera

(Lamoine) — The Cole Family Foundation has awarded the Lamoine Fire Department a Thermal Imaging Camera in its 2nd round of camera grants. The cameras allow firefighters to see heat, making it possible to find fire victims through thick smoke. The units cost approximately \$18,000 dollars apiece. The fire department pledged to raise \$5,000 for the base unit of the camera, and will add one feature which costs about \$800 more.

In June, the fire department sent a letter to each taxpayer. The response has been overwhelming. Combined with a

previous donation, a grant from the Patrick Marino Fund, and generous donations from property owners, the fire department had raised well over \$7,000 by the end of June! That will mean the department has to make some decisions on what to do with the rest of the money donated, which for now will remain in the fire department's general fund.

Before receiving the camera, the department will send at least four interior rated firefighters to school to learn how to use the device during two days of training. That will take place in early October, and the camera will be in service then.



Though not the same brand, this is what a typical thermal imaging camera looks like. The camera "sees" heat and can work through walls and smoke to rescue

potential victims and reduce damage

Fire Department Auction Set

(Lamoine) — The annual Lamoine Fire Department Auction will take place a little later than usual this year. The auction is set for Friday, August 24th at 6:00 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School.

Firefighters are currently gathering goods and services for the auction, and donations can be made by calling the Lamoine Town Hall to arrange for drop off or a pickup.

In past years, the auction has been a major fund raiser for the fire department. This year's auction was in jeopardy after firefighter Joe Young, the auction chairman, moved away. Firefighter Margaret Mitschele volunteered to step into Mr. Young's place and head up the auction.

Professional auctioneer Chas Hare has again offered his services for the auction. The event has raised several thousand dollars for the department each year.

Enhanced 911 Service Not Yet In Place

(Ellsworth) — A reluctance by the Hancock County Commissioners to establish a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and a Regional Communications Center (RCC) has apparently pushed back Enhanced 911 service. The county government declined several years ago to establish a PSAP, opting instead to have the State Police answer 911 calls and

route those calls to the appropriate dispatcher. The state police have been reluctant to act as the PSAP for the county.

Discussions are under way on how to best handle the situation and bring the service available in 14 other counties to Hancock County. Lamoine is already prepared for the service.

Public Safety Committee Meets

Questionnaire Mailed

(Lamoine) — The newly formed Public Safety Committee held its first meetings in June in an effort to get a handle on what level of public safety protection exists and what level Lamoine residents desire.

Named to the committee were Frank Murray (Chairman), Jim Willis (vice chairman), Grace Schimpf (secretary), Stacey Curtis, Kim Murphy and Matt Montgomery. All came forward in response to an e-mailed notice sent from the town hall.

At the committee's initial meeting it was decided to ask residents what they felt about the services currently offered and what problems might exist. That will be accomplished by a questionnaire that was mailed to 215 randomly selected Lamoine residents.

The questionnaire asked whether people have been the victim of a crime, whether they have utilized police, fire, ambulance or animal control services from the town or other agencies, and how much they think an appropriate funding level should be. It also asks what they think Hancock County should do in relation to Enhanced-911 phone service.

Once the results are compiled, the committee will meet again, and explore options available and make a recommendation to the Selectmen. The recommendation should come some time in the fall in time for budget season.

Dry Spring Sparks Fires, Department Responds To All

(Lamoine) — A lack of rain in April and May prompted a ban on burn permits for several weeks, but several fires broke out anyway in the Lamoine area, putting the fire department into action several times. Firefighters and equipment also went to Trenton, Ellsworth, Bucksport, and Township #10 to help extinguish wildfires before they did a great deal of damage in those communities.

Only one grass fire was reported in Lamoine, and that was quickly extinguished when a Shore Road resident called as soon as he saw that his burning leaves were spreading quicker than he could handle. The Maine Forest Service showed up on the scene and issued a citation to the landowner for burning without a permit.

The most serious blaze involved the Forest Pinkham garage on Pinkham's Flats (see page 1).

The fire department also responded to unattended campfires left by the Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile club. Neither fire spread to the nearby building, but the State Police were called to look into the matter. It's believed

young people living in the neighborhood vandalized the area and set the fires.

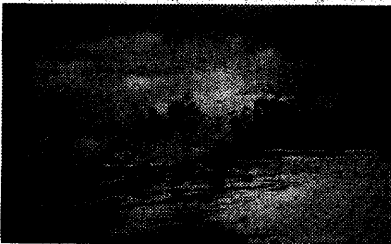
Oven fires accounted for two of the calls in the past quarter. One was at Fire Chief Skip Smith's home. A cleaning woman decided to clean the self-cleaning oven and set it up to go, and the grease inside ignited, filling the house with smoke. Three fire trucks and a half dozen firefighters were on scene within 3-minutes of the call. They cut the power to the oven and ventilated the smoke from the house. The oven was damaged beyond repair, but there was no other significant damage to the home. The other oven fire call came to the Jordan River Road at the home of an elderly couple who apparently left supper on the stove and forgot the burner was on. The home filled with smoke, and their daughter called the fire department. It was a fire meeting night, and four trucks and a dozen firefighters were on scene within four minutes of the call.

An overheated brake line brought firefighters back to Pinkham's Flats as Kathleen Pinkham reported the tires on her car were smoking. It's believed the brakes seized when Mrs. Pinkham was driving the vehicle and caused the wheel to get extremely hot. Mrs. Pinkham first called the town office, then the emergency number. A fire truck and a half dozen firefighters were on scene within five minutes and cooled the tires using a garden hose.

DEP Inspects All Gravel Pits

(Lamoine) — A team from the Department of Environmental Protection spent a day in Lamoine in Mid-May inspecting the many gravel pits in town. After the inspections, one pit owner was cited for failing to license his pit which greatly exceeds 5-acres. Two other pits slightly exceeded the 5-acres, and one pit was noted for not having the required boundary markings. That size is the minimum threshold that requires a DEP license. All pits that remove more than 500-cubic yards of material require a local gravel pit permit.

Mark Stebbins of the DEP sent an



Wind blows the sand from the steep gravel pit wall behind the transfer station

outline of the 17-pit areas he and his team inspected. The assessing and code enforcement offices will use the information gathered to get an accurate picture of the status of the gravel pits in town.

Assessing Progresses

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Assessors is working to wrap up its work and make a tax commitment, probably sometime in August.

Field work was conducted by the assessors and RJD appraisal in late May. The assessors review the building and plumbing permits issued prior to April 1st and the projects that were not complete the previous year in determining which properties to visit. The appraisal firm uses a very complex formula book to set the fair market value, and adjust that to the 1993 rate that the rest of the town is assessed on.

The town has seen its assessing ratio (assessed value compared to selling price) fall to about 91% for the past year. When adjusted to full fair market value, Lamoine's tax rate was the fifth lowest in Hancock County, coming in a little over 8-mills. The current tax rate of 10.4 mills is expected to jump for the next bills.

More Wells Dug At Old Landfill

(Lamoine) — The Department of Environmental Protection placed two more wells around the former Lamoine landfill. One will be located near a current monitoring well, but will go into the bedrock in order to monitor the groundwater immediately underneath the outflow of the landfill. The other well is a shallow well in the sand and gravel near the current transfer station.

The DEP hired Sanborn, Head and Associates to install the wells and do the initial testing of the water that comes from them. The same company installed four other wells around the landfill and performed the testing for the first two rounds before the town picked up testing.

The other part of the DEP project involves finding an alternate source of water for the Anderson household on Lamoine Beach Road. The home closest to the old landfill has been tested for many years and each test has shown the water to be undrinkable. The DEP determined that the old dump most likely caused the pollution and the town is now buying bottled water for the Andersons to consume. The DEP will pay 90% of that cost, and is picking up the entire cost of a new water supply.



Crews from Hanscom Well Drilling install a deep bedrock well outside the former Lamoine landfill

Speed Limits Lowered On Two Roads

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Transportation has approved a lower speed limit for a portion of Shore Road and all of Birchlawn and South Birchlawn Drive. The latter roads are 25 MPH for the entire length. Shore Road is reduced to 25 MPH from the intersection with Douglas Highway southerly six tenths of a mile.

The new speed limit signs were erected in the spring. The sign raising the Shore Road limit back up to 45 MPH will be installed in early July.

Only the MDOT and the Maine State Police can approve lower speed limits. The town asked the MDOT last summer to look at Shore Road and the amount of building in that particular area in order to determine a speed limit. Those roads without speed limit signs have a default state speed limit of 45 MPH.

Special thanks to Junior Tracy who helped pull the old 45 MPH sign out of the ground across from his home on Shore Road.

Labor Dept. Fine Appealed

(Lamoine) — The town filed an appeal to the Maine Department of Labor to a fine imposed on the fire department for several alleged violations found during a site visit in March. The appeal was filed in a timely fashion, but the town has yet to hear from the Department of Labor on what action it has taken on the appeal.

The fire department was cited for allegedly having incomplete training records for its respirator program. The town appealed, stating the inspector looked at the records and stated they were in order. Minor fines were imposed for two plugs without grounding pins, and for storing a petroleum product too close to the welding unit. Both problems were immediately corrected. The town wrote in late June asking for some reply.

Transport, Recycling Contracts Awarded

(Lamoine) — The Selectmen awarded a new recycling contract to Pine Tree Waste, Inc. The contract keeps the same company doing the recycling at the transfer station, but the town will receive the revenues from recycled material. The transportation cost will rise, though.

The Selectmen also awarded the transportation of regular trash contract to Pine Tree Waste for another five years. In both cases, the company was the low bidder based on the specifications sent out to re-bid the contracts. Neither contract will have a major impact on the budget.

Ballfield Dedication Planned

(Lamoine) — The green grass growing on the new Lamoine athletic fields behind the school is an inviting site, but has yet to be played on. The ballfield committee decided to wait for competition until the grass has a chance to spread its roots, so a summer of growing has been the order. School Committee chair Lori Boynton called it beautiful, saying "it looks like a carpet."

The field will be dedicated on September 8th at 1:00 PM, and will be followed shortly thereafter by its first soccer game in school competition.

The field looks to be in great shape thanks to thousands of volunteer hours putting thing together, raising funds, and especially to the contractors



who donated time and material to build the new field.

The dedication comes the first weekend after the start of school in order to help assure that the children and their parents should be back in town from summer vacations.

Mrs. Boynton said invitations will go out sometime in August.

East Lamoine Church Named Historic

(Augusta) — The Lamoine Historical Society building, formerly the First Baptist Church was nominated for the National Register of Historic places. The Maine Historical Preservation Commission made the nomination in April.

The church was built in 1832, and designed by noted architect Seth Tisdale. He also designed the Black mansion and the Baptist Church on Hancock Street in Ellsworth. Lamoine residents constructed the church with its typical rural church styling.

In the 1970's, the Historical Society acquired the church, with the stipulation that it be used for a worship service. Once a summer, the members of

the Lamoine Baptist Church use the building for worship to meet the deed covenant. The church building used to be closer to the road, but was moved back several years ago and placed on a concrete foundation. There is a new roof, improved drainage, and the next project

is to spruce up the interior. Moving the baseball field to the Lamoine School should help reduce damage from errant baseballs.

Selectman and Historical Society President Jo Cooper hopes the designation will make the old building eligible for grants to finish the needed work. Mrs. Cooper said they've worked to establish the church as an historic building for many years now.

School Personnel Remain For Next Year

(Lamoine) — The help wanted ads in the newspapers are usually filled with teaching positions during the summer months, and it has been true again this year. However, a check of the ads showed no positions open in Lamoine this summer. According to school board

members, no teachers or other key staff have decided to leave as of the end of the school year, and positions that were expanded or funded for full time (music, early literacy, gifted and talented) were filled prior to the end of the school year.

School Building Needs Assessment Committee Discusses Future

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine School Committee has appointed a sub-committee to study the current needs of the school building. The Building Needs Assessment Committee met over the last several months. The committee discussed the current condition of the school and what programming needs are not currently met because of lack of space.

Some of the more lively discussions revolve around the size of the gym and space for technology. The committee wants as much community input as possible. The school more than a place for learning; it's a community meeting place. The next two meetings at the school at 6:30 pm are set for July 23, 2001 and August 20, 2001.

Mill Road Blasted Leads To Paving

(Lamoine) — Explosions are planned for the center section of Mill Road in early July as the town prepares to pave the Eastern end of the road. Ledge just beyond the Gott gravel pit has caused some drainage problems, and the that causes the road to heave in that area in the winter and spring. The Selectmen believe that by blasting the ledge, the water will have some place to travel before it freezes and causes the road to heave.

The Selectmen accepted an estimate of \$4,500 from Coastal Drilling and Blasting to remove the ledge by using dynamite. The blasting will be a long distance from any homes and the Cold Spring Water Company and will be directed away from the residential area. Once the blasting is complete, the town will be ready to pave that end of the road.

Historical Society Meetings Set

The Lamoine Historical Society announces its summer programs:

July 24 (Tuesday) 7:00PM at the East Lamoine Meeting House - A show of old and new quilts. Refreshments will be served.

August 4 (Saturday) (rain date Aug 5) 10 - 3: The Historical Society will hold an open house in the Meeting House during the Community Art Show.

August 21 (Tuesday) 7:00, at the East Lamoine Meeting House - What is grandmother's vase worth? Bring your antiques or old "stuff" and have it appraised by a professional antique appraiser. Albert Sale of Eastern Antiques will be appraising items free of charge. Refreshments will be served.

Contact Jo Cooper (President) (667-7062) or Marion McFarland (Secretary) (667-8893) for more information.

Boating Grant Turned Down

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Transportation rejected a possible grant to establish a facility at Lamoine Beach to handle larger ship traffic. The Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program asked for communities for ideas. The initial proposal from the Selectmen was speculative at best and at this point will not be moving forward.

Honor Graduates Numerous in 2001

(Lamoine) — Some pretty smart Lamoine residents will leave town this summer to pursue their higher education. In June, the Selectmen presented certificates to Lamoine's honor graduates from the area high school. Graduating with honors from MDI High in Bar Harbor were **Jacie Cobb, Nicholas Copadis and Maggie Stanley**. Honor graduates from Ellsworth High School are **Jennifer Brown, Justin Gott, Angelique Kelley, Jennifer Levin, Brian Norris and Abigail Stephens**. The best wishes of the town go to each graduate.

Second Annual Lamoine Art Show

By Mascha Litten

(Lamoine) — All Lamoine residents are cordially invited to show their art work the 1st Saturday in August (the 4th) on the grounds of the Lamoine Historical Society Building (East Lamoine Meeting House). Exhibitors are asked to bring their display table and a chair, and to demonstrate how they work if they wish.

The Girl Scouts will provide entertainment and a lemonade stand. No entry fee is charged, and there is no judging. The hours for the show will run from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Rain date is for the following day, August 5th.

For more information please contact Mascha Litten (667-8465) or Joan Bragdon (667-7956).

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) — Just 3 births to report this quarter. **Kiana Rose Watts** was born in Blue Hill in April 30th. She is the daughter of Gregory and Meagan Watts of Buttermilk Road. **Connor Tilden Crawford** was born on May 8th. He's the son of Duane Crawford and Julie Tilden of Shore Road (and the nephew of Selectman Chairman Glenn Crawford). And **Ezekiel John Hanson Valleau** was born May 21st in Bangor. He's the son of volunteer firefighter Steve Valleau and his wife Bethany Hanson.

We sadly note the following deaths: **Margaret Crowley** (May 6th), **Forest Pinkham** (May 15th), **Rowland Polley** (June 11th), **Helen Neilson** (June 25th), **John Murphy** (June 28th) and **Sarah Morang** (June 29th).

Only two weddings to report this time around. Both involved couples from outside of town choosing Lamoine for

Lamoine Home To Many Eagle Scouts

By Carol Duffy

(Lamoine) Five scouts from Troop 88 have been working on Eagle Scout Service Projects since May 2000. In addition to earning a total of 21 merit badges and serving in troop leadership

project.

Hank Fenton is building a storage shed to be used by the Lamoine School. This building is located at the edge of the new ball field and will provide much needed storage space for the school's athletic equipment.



Eagle Scouts

Pictured (back row l-r) Ryan McMullen, Hank Fenton, Nate Jordan (front row) Sean & Bryan Duffy
(Photo by Carol Duffy)

positions, Life Scouts working towards the rank of Eagle Scout need to plan, develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or their community.

Bryan Duffy organized the effort to scrape and repaint the Lamoine Grange.

Nineteen scouts, leaders, and other community members volunteered a total of 168 hours to complete this project. A new set of side entrance steps was also constructed. Lamoine School students have been using the outdoor classroom designed and constructed by Sean Duffy. This area is located behind the school playground off the school's nature/cross-country trail. Ten volunteers contributed 153 hours of labor to complete this

line. Landscaping around the signs will provide an attractive entrance to our community.

Previous to reaching the rank of Life Scout, each scout was required to contribute at least 13 hours of service. Their previous projects have included raking the carriage trails at Acadia

National Park, repairing the Lamoine Corner Nursery School's swing set, obtaining and painting a rowboat for the nursery school's playground, clearing a nature trail at the Lamoine State Park, and planting trees.

Bryan and Sean Duffy passed their Eagle Board of Reviews on December 4, 2000 and held their Eagle Court of Honor on March 11, 2001.

Lamoine Little League Places 2nd in 1st Year

By Carlton Johnson

(Lamoine) — 2001 brought sanctioned Little League play to the area for the first time. The newly chartered group encompasses teams from Ellsworth, Lamoine, Otis/Mariaville, Waltham and Hancock, and joins the already chartered leagues on MDI and in the Franklin area.

Team members included Elan Gabel-Richards, Wyatt Salisbury, Cody Spruce, Devin Picard, Wyatt Damon, Alex Emeigh, Jeremy Curran, Ben Rudolph, Buster Brown, Josh Higgins, Nick Pappas, and Alex Hartley-Johnson. The 11-12 year-old team was coached by

Carlton Johnson, Stacey Curtis and Dick Brown. The team finished 7-2 with Devin Picard, Buster Brown and Cody Spruce selected for the all star team. Lamoine finished 2nd to the Beech Hill team for the league championship.

Lamoine players on the 9-10 year old Hancock team included John Cooper, Justin Harding, Willy Dickey and Zach Emeigh.

Softball All-Stars named this year were Lily Cooper and Alicia Lofton (9-10 years old) and Kirsten Dickey and Kaitlin Damon (11 & 12 year old division).

their wedding.

On June 14th, **John Clark and Leanne Nickon** of Tremont were married in Lamoine by attorney Fred Stocking (our Board of Appeals chairman).

On June 16th, **Jeffrey Howe and Melinda Lake** of Dixfield were married at their summer camp on Seal Point Road. Deputy Town Clerk Stu Marckoon performed the ceremony.

July 2001 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2-Office Closed for Vacation	3-Office Closed for Vacation	4-Office Closed for Vacation	5-7PM Fire Dept.	6	7
8	9	10-7PM Planning Board	11-7PM Assessors	12-6:15 Selectmen 7PM Fire Dept.	13	14
15	16-10AM Postal Workers Meeting	17	18	19-7PM Fire Dept.	20	21-8AM Planning Board Site Visit
22	23-6:30 PM Bldg Needs Cmte.	24 7 PM Planning Board Workshop	25	26-7PM Fire Dept.	27	28
29	30	31				

August 2001 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2-7:00 Fire Dept.	3	4
5	6	7-7PM Planning Board	8	9 7:00 Fire Dept.	10	11
12	13	14	15	16-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	17	18
19	20-6:30 Bldg Needs Committee	21	22	23 7:00 Fire Dept	24-6PM Fire Dept. Auction at School	25
26	27-6:30 School Committee	28	29-Town Office Closed	30 7:00 Fire Dept.	31	

September 2001 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3-Office Closed— Labor Day	4	5	6 6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept.	7	8-1PM Ballfield Dedication
9	10	11-7PM Planning Board	12	13 7:00 Fire Dept.	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 7:00 Fire Dept.	28	29
30	Additional Meetings may be scheduled, other meeting times may change, consult the Town Hall 667-2242					

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